

Anchor Club to stage cruise for retarded

The Anchor Club of the Department of Marine and Navigation will sponsor a three-hour ferryboat excursion tomorrow for about 400 mentally retarded youngsters drawn from the Willowbrook Developmental Center, the Exceptional Children's Club and Staten Island Aid for the Retarded.

Vito J. Fossella, department commissioner, will be on hand to greet the youngsters, who will be chaperoned by volunteers from a number of local organizations including the Staten Island Chapter of the American Red Cross and the Staten Island Lodge of Elks.

The ferryboat Lehman will leave the St. George ferry terminal at 1 p.m. for a three-hour trip up the Hudson River to the George Washington Bridge. A fireboat will send out a plume of water to salute the ferry, which will be escorted by a Police Department launch. Weather permitting the Goodyear blimp Mayflower also will put in an appearance.

Rock music and other entertainment will be provided by several groups.

The Anchor Club is composed of persons associated with the Knights of Columbus.